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Title: MIDDLE-EAR IMPLANT

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	12
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Enclosures:

- Assignment cover sheet and an assignment, 4 pages, and a separate \$40 fee.
- Small entity statement. This application is entitled to small entity status.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation-in-part (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/362,272, filed July 28, 1999 and U.S. application serial no. 60/146,067, filed July 28, 1999. The disclosures of the prior

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application are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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